

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing translation service through a network, comprising the steps of:

delivering to the network, language information as to a first language used at a first telephone terminal as well as a second language used at a second telephone terminal, and telephone numbers of the first and the second telephone terminals, respectively, together with information for requesting translation from the first telephone terminal at a time of requesting the establishment of a phone connection between the first and the second telephone terminals;

connecting the first telephone terminal with the second telephone terminal through a translating apparatus in the network;

translating the first language spoken into the first telephone terminal and the second language spoken into the second telephone terminal by the translating apparatus in accordance with the language information to deliver both the spoken contents translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals, respectively; and

counting a time required for the translation by an accounting apparatus on the network, to charge a translation fee with respect to either of the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal by which the translation is requested, and adding the translation fee to a rate for a call caused by a phone call between the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal.

2. (Previously presented) A method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal are cellular

phones or Personal Handy Phones, respectively.

3. (Previously presented) A method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the network is a fixed telephone network.

4. (Previously presented) A method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the network is an internet telephone network.

5. (Currently amended) A method for providing translation service through a network, comprising the steps of:

delivering to the network language information as to a first language spoken into a first telephone terminal as well as a second language spoken into a second telephone terminal, together with information for requesting translation from either of the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal, wherein a phone connection is in an established condition between the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal;

reconnecting the first telephone terminal with the second telephone terminal through a translating apparatus in the network;

translating the first language spoken into the first telephone terminal and the second language spoken into the second telephone terminal by the translating apparatus in accordance with the language information to deliver both the spoken contents translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals, respectively; and

counting a time required for the translation by an accounting apparatus on the network, to charge a translation fee with respect to either of the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal by which the translation is requested, and

adding the translation fee to a rate for a call caused by a phone call between the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal.

6. (Previously presented) The method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the first telephone terminal and the second telephone terminal are cellular phones or Personal Handy Phones, respectively.

7. (Previously presented) The method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the network is a fixed telephone network.

8. (Previously presented) The method for providing translation service as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the network is an internet telephone network.